

## REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed June 3, 2003 containing a restriction requirement, Applicant has filed a separate paper concurrently herewith, containing a provisional election of the product claims labeled Group I by the Examiner (claims 1-12).

It is an object of the present invention to provide a dual-function printing member usable as both a printing plate and as a recording film and a method of producing such a member. To further clarify the point that the Applicant believes that Groups I and II do not represent distinct inventions, Applicant herewith respectfully submits a Preliminary Amendment, to emphasize their similarity and establishing a single inventive concept.

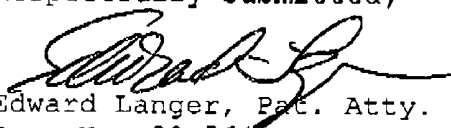
Claim 1 has been amended by insertion of the word "ablatable", to point out that, in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the invention, the top coating on the substrate is ablatable. This is supported in the text on p. 9, stating that "...an infrared source...ablates layers 21 and 22..."

Claim 13 has been amended to clarify that it refers not to a method of using the invention, but of producing the associated product. The word "usable" is therefore substituted in the preamble for the words "for use". Furthermore, since the coating applied on top of the base layer is ablatable, in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the invention as described in the text and mentioned above in regard to the currently amended claim 1, therefore the words, "an ablatable" are inserted in the description of the coating step.

Finally, the substrate in claim 1 is described as "transparent" and this is supported in the specification on p. 9 which requires that "the base must be transparent". On p. 13, the transparent base is described as "a polyester substrate". Therefore, claim 25 is newly introduced to clarify the intention supported by the spec. that the substrate is fabricated of polyester in accordance with a preferred inventive embodiment.

The remaining claims are unchanged and presented as originally written in the subject application and so designated. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application of the Applicant are respectfully requested at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,



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